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The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Salazar-Lotero, et al.*, 19 Cr. 661 (PAC)

Dear Judge Caproni:

The Government writes, with the consent of defense counsel, to provide a status update as to the remaining defendants in the above-captioned matter and to request that the Court schedule certain proceedings as to each defendant as follows:

Franck Hernan Alvarez Espinal

Mr. Alvarez Espinal is prepared to proceed to sentencing. Subject to the Court's availability, the parties are available the week of March 18, with a preference for Monday, March 18.

Carlos Alberto Salazar-Lotero


Mr. Salazar-Lotero has indicated that he is prepared to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government. Subject to the Court's availability, the parties are available the week of March 18, other than the afternoon of March 21.

Gustavo Betancourt

The Government has extended a plea offer to Mr. Betancourt, which expires on March 15, 2024. The parties are available for a status conference, either before or after the expiration of the plea offer, to discuss setting either a change-of-plea proceeding or a trial date, though Government counsel is unavailable the week of March 25.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Court will hold a change-of-plea hearing for Mr. Salazar-Lotero on **Monday, March 18, 2024, at 2:30 P.M.**

The Court will hold a status conference for Mr. Bentacourt on **Monday, March 18, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.**, at which the Court will either hold a change-of-plea hearing or set a schedule for motions and a trial schedule in April or May 2024.

Mr. Espinal will be sentenced on **Monday, March 18, 2024, at 3:15 P.M.**

All proceedings will take place in Courtroom 443 of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York, 10007.

SO ORDERED.



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HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE